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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 ANTIONETTE SLAUGHTER,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 VALLEY VIEW I LLP, et al.,

14 Defendants.

CASE NO. C23-1360JLR

ORDER

15 On October 4, 2023, the court dismissed Ms. Slaughter's complaint pursuant to 28
16 U.S.C. § 1915(e) for failure to state a cognizable claim for relief. (10/4/23 Order (Dkt.
17 # 5); *see* Compl. (Dkt. # 4).) The court granted Ms. Slaughter leave to "file an amended
18 complaint that cure[d] the deficiencies" identified in the court's order and ordered her to
19 file her amended complaint, if any, by no later than October 26, 2023. (10/4/23 Order at
20 14.) The court warned Ms. Slaughter that failure to timely comply with the court's order
21 would result in the dismissal of her complaint without leave to amend and the closure of
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1 this case. (*Id.*) To date, Ms. Slaughter has not filed an amended complaint. (*See*
2 *generally* Dkt.)

3 However, on October 24, 2023—prior to the deadline to file an amended
4 complaint—Ms. Slaughter’s proposed application for court-appointed counsel posted to
5 the docket as a “motion to appoint counsel.” (*Compare* Prop. App. (Dkt. # 1-3), *with*
6 Mot. (Dkt. # 6) (motion to appoint counsel consisting of the same application for
7 court-appointed counsel that Ms. Slaughter filed with her proposed complaint on
8 September 1, 2023).) And on October 27, 2023, the court received a letter from Ms.
9 Slaughter dated October 25, 2023 in which Ms. Slaughter “ask[s] the court to grant court
10 appointed counsel to assist with the amendment process.” (Letter (Dkt. # 7).) The court
11 has reviewed the motion and letter and determined that Ms. Slaughter’s application for
12 court-appointed counsel is deficient in two ways. First, Ms. Slaughter described the
13 number of attorneys she contacted but failed to explain “over what period of time,” as
14 required by the form. (Mot. at 2.) Second, Ms. Slaughter stated that the U.S. Department
15 of Housing and Urban Development and the Washington State Human Rights
16 Commission each determined that there is reasonable cause to believe that the allegations
17 in her complaint are true, but Ms. Slaughter failed to describe “the conclusion the agency
18 reached,” as required by the form. (*Id.* at 2.)

19 In light of these deficiencies, and to facilitate the court’s review of Ms. Slaughter’s
20 request for counsel, if she chooses to renew it, the court ORDERS as follows:

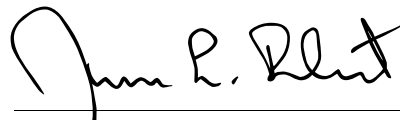
21 1. The court EXTENDS the deadline for Ms. Slaughter to file an amended
22 complaint that corrects the deficiencies identified in the court’s October 4, 2023 Order.

1 (See 10/4/23 Order.) Ms. Slaughter must file her amended complaint by no later than
2 **Monday, November 13, 2024**. If Ms. Slaughter fails to timely file an amended
3 complaint, the court will dismiss this matter without leave to amend and close this case.

4 2. The court DENIES the motion to appoint counsel (Dkt. # 6). However, in the
5 event Ms. Slaughter elects to continue pursuing this case by timely filing an amended
6 complaint, she may also file a renewed application for court-appointed counsel that
7 corrects the deficiencies identified above by no later than **Monday, November 20, 2024**.

8 The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to Ms. Slaughter.

9 Dated this 27th day of October, 2023.

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11 JAMES L. ROBART
12 United States District Judge
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